

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA)
Held at the Seminar Room in Haliburton Forest in the Haliburton Highlands
On Saturday August 30, 2003 At 10am**

1. President's Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 10am. President Mike Hartin welcomed the members and noted that this has been a difficult year with a poor summer, SARS, West Nile Virus, Mad Cow Disease, forest fires in the West and the serious blackout in Southern Ontario two weeks ago. Mr. Hartin noted that in the spring he forgot to mention that Mr. Pat Waddell of Wilkinson Drive had passed away in December 2002 and announced that Mrs. Margaret Slater passed away several weeks ago from a SARS-related disease and that her three daughters will now share the cottage. Jack Watts, a pioneer of the Kennisis Lake area, passed away last week at age 81. There was an incident with teenage boys on a canoe trip from Northland Camp that was serious enough to call the police; the camp and the boys have expressed their remorse in writing to KLCOA as well as to the individual cottagers who witnessed their misbehaviour.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Secretary Patricia Bormanis noted that she is stepping down as Secretary and read a summary of the minutes of the members' meeting held on Saturday May 17, 2003. The minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Duncan McCallum presented the financial report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2002 and advised the members that Betty Mills and Russ Donnelly have audited and approved the report. Mr. McCallum reported that membership revenue increased over 2001 and that our GICs earned some interest, while insurance costs have increased. Overall, we have a net gain of approximately \$1500 in our balance. There is currently \$8400 on hand, but planned expenses will deplete that amount by the end of the year, so Mr. McCallum advised against making a donation to the Haliburton Hospital Foundation until we are certain we can spare the funds.

Motion: THAT the 2002 financial report be approved as presented.

Proposed: Jeff Pinkney

Seconded: Steve Ashfield

Carried: Unanimous

4. Committee Reports

Membership: Wendy Vermeersch reported that membership has increased to 562, up by 47 over last year. Ms. Vermeersch welcomed all new members, particularly those from the West Shore. Ms. Vermeersch thanked Cathy Lancia and Gloria Carnochan for passing on the membership application forms to new cottage owners. Having increased the membership fee to \$25 from \$20 after July 1st led most members to renew prior to Regatta this year. Ms. Vermeersch asked members to watch out for the 2004 stickers in the Spring newsletter, and noted that receiving the sticker does not mean that membership is paid as we are operating on the honour system. Ms. Vermeersch requested that members advise her of new addresses when they move in the city to ensure newsletters are not returned to the KLCOA mailbox. Mr. Hartin thanked Ms. Vermeersch for her hard work in updating the membership roster.

Swimming: Earla Hume noted that she expects to have two instructors for summer 2004.

Sailing: No sailing regatta was held this year and better marketing and promotion for this event will be done next year. It was agreed that the Sailing Regatta should be held on the Saturday after the Regatta, ie the week after the Civic Holiday weekend.

Regatta/Rock Bass Derby: Keith Rodd reported that despite the iffy weather the Regatta was very successful again this year and noted that \$175 was donated to the hospital foundation from the proceeds of the water golf game. The Rock Bass Derby was also very successful, with more fish caught than last year on a beautiful sunny day.

Mr. Rodd reported that he is stepping down from chairing the Regatta and noted that he will be pleased to continue organizing the Rock Bass Derby. Mr. Rodd thanked all his volunteers over the years for their hard work and support.

Community Policing: Bob Kruger reported that there have been several minor traffic accidents and noted that the OPP has come up for a full day's tour of the lake, giving out five warnings and one ticket. Three couples who participated in community policing are moving closer to town and Mr. Kruger said that we have no one on the West Shore to do community policing. Mr. Kruger asked for volunteers to be the eyes and ears of the OPP and KLCOA members and noted that it is not necessary to be a full-time resident to participate in the program.

911: Gail Goldenberg reported that there is an article in the local paper about 911 implementation in our county. Dysart is will soon get its lot numbers and road names, but our area will be the last to receive the numbers for the lots. The first sweep will be done this Fall, with a second pass early next spring to ensure all roads are named appropriately and all cottages are identified. It is still expected that the 911 program will begin on July 1st, 2004, but Ms. Goldenberg noted that our area can be expected to the last one to come online.

Fireworks: Steve Ashfield reported that the fireworks went very well this year despite being rescheduled due to poor weather on the Saturday night, and noted that he needs to buy some new equipment for next year

Motion: THAT Mark Burley be licensed for fireworks as a back-up for Mr.s Ashfield, should he be unavailable to perform the fireworks displays.

Proposed: Steve Ahsfield

Seconded: Earla Hume

Carried: Unanimous

Lake Stewardship: Cameron Douglas thanked and recognized Mr. Rodd and his wife Donna for all their hard work organizing the Regatta for the last 13 years. Mr. Douglas reported that he had 8 participants at the lake stewardship workshop in mid-July and that it was very successful. New residents are encouraged to attend next year. Mr. Douglas reminded all members that environmentally friendly cleaning products are available at the marina and encouraged everyone to purchase and use them, particularly when renting or lending their cottage to non-residents. The Ministry of Fisheries has started to video the undeveloped shoreline to ensure it is respected when cottages are built or upgraded. Applications for severances of lots continue to be scrutinized to ensure they are environmentally friendly. Mr. Douglas noted that three lakes in the area are now being developed and that the impact of this development is being watched closely.

Jeff Pinkney reported that the Second Annual Island Clean-up took place last weekend and noted that a great deal of broken glass was found; Mr. Pinkney asked everyone to encourage island-goers to use plastic and/or cans on the islands. It was agreed that Mr. Pinkney's written report and pictures taken of the clean-up will be posted on the website as well as published in the next newsletter.

Mr. Douglas reported that the Blueberry Islands are now owned by KLCOA, and that signage will be placed on them to advise island-goers that camping is not allowed, that there are no washroom facilities available on the islands, and that fires are not permitted unless people bring their own firewood and use the fire pits. The purpose of owning these islands is to create a land trust and protect the islands for the enjoyment of Kennisis Lake cottagers. Lippy Bay/Soap Pond will be reforested on the roadside on Saturday October 4th and 11th; Mr. Douglas asked for volunteers to reseed the area starting on 10am each day. Volunteers are asked to bring a shovel and expect to work at least half a day. Interested parties should contact Mr. Douglas to sign up.

Mr. Douglas noted that the municipality allows us to create a Lake Character Plan, which would allow us to enforce certain laws and direct development on Kennisis, and said that KLCOA is considering creating one. Mr. Douglas will report on this issue at a future meeting.

5. Nominations & Election

Mr. Hartin noted that Fred Musinka will step down as Chair of the Roads portfolio as soon as a replacement can be found and said that he was speaking to a West Shore cottager to take the position over. Earla Hume will remain on the Steering Committee as a member-at-large but will pass on the responsibility of the Swimming portfolio. Mr. Hartin thanked them, as well as departing Secretary Patricia Bormanis, for their hard work on the KLCOA Steering Committee. Mr. Hartin also thanked Doug and Pam Mahood for providing access to the marina for our annual Regatta, and Peter Schleifenbaum for giving us use of the Seminar Room for our KLCOA meetings twice a year.

The slate of candidates for the 2003-2004 KLCOA Executive Committee was presented as follows:

David Mills	Immediate Past President
Mike Hartin	President
Duncan McCallum	Treasurer
Marie Bordeleau	Secretary
Brenda Philp	Vice-President & Chair, FOCA
Keith Rodd	Vice-President & Chair, Rock Bass Derby

The slate of appointed members for the 2003-2004 KLCOA Steering Committee was presented as follows:

Steve Ashfield/Cindy Vermeersch	Co-chairs, Regatta
Wendy Vermeersch	Chair, Membership
Cameron Douglas	Lake Steward
TBA	Chair, Roads

Lisa Howard	Chair, Swimming
Bob Kruger	Chair, Community Policing
Gail Goldenberg	Chair, 911
Barry Wilhelm	Chair, Sailing
Earla Hume	Member-at-large

Mr. Hartin asked the floor for nominations.

Motion: THAT the slate of candidates for the Executive and Steering Committees be approved as presented.

Proposed: Bob Wigmore

Seconded: Jeff Pinkney

Carried: Unanimous

Mr. Hartin recognized Blair Johnson for his many years of work on behalf of KLCOA and his contribution to lake stewardship.

6. New Business

Motion: THAT the KLCOA membership meet only once per year rather than twice per year.

Discussion: There was concern that two meetings are necessary to keep the membership informed of everything that is happening around the Lake.

Amendment: THAT we keep two meetings per year.

Proposed: Keith Rodd

Discussion: It was noted that memberships are renewed more often if we meet twice per year than once. It was suggested that we divide the reports between the two meetings so as not to reiterate the same discussions – this would also keep the meetings shorter.

Carried: The motion to have only one meeting per year was defeated. The membership voted unanimously to keep two meetings per year.

Motion: THAT the date for each meeting remain the same, ie the Saturday morning on Victoria Day weekend and Labour Day weekend.

Proposed: Cathy Vermeersch

Seconded: Cindy Vermeersch

Carried: Unanimous

Motion: THAT KLCOA produce only one newsletter per year

Proposed: Cindy Vermeersch

Seconded: Steve Ashfield

Discussion It was noted that the website should become more active if we only have one newsletter per year.

Amendment: THAT KLCOA produce at least one newsletter per year, with the authority to produce more than one if agreed to by the Executive.

Carried: The motion was carried unanimously as amended.

Lawrence Petrow volunteered to update the website and work on its general appearance. It was agreed that the Executive will discuss this further.

It was agreed that the minutes of members' meetings shall be posted on the website within two weeks of a meeting rather than read out loud at each meeting. Ms. Bordeleau said that the minutes will be posted at the marina within the same timeframe and a half dozen hard copies will be made available at 9:30am at each meeting for review by members who do not have access to the internet.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business the Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 11:45am. The next meeting of the membership will be held at 10am on Saturday May 22, 2004.